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- (ii) a first transverse dimension having a first transverse axis that is orthogonal to said center longitudinal axis and bisects said center longitudinal axis;
  - (iii) a first side and a second side positioned on opposite sides of the first transverse axis;
  - (iv) a first protrusion disposed at the center longitudinal axis that projects outwardly from the first side in a direction generally along the center longitudinal axis; and
- (c) one or more support structures having lengths that extend along the transverse dimension of said surface layer.

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29.

- (Amended) A nasal support device for supporting tissues overlying a first and second nasal passage, the support device comprising:
- (a) an adhesive layer for securing the support device to the tissues;
  - (b) a surface layer, the surface layer configured to include:
    - (i) a center longitudinal axis;
    - (ii) a first transverse dimension having a first transverse axis that is orthogonal to said center longitudinal axis and bisects said center longitudinal axis;
    - (iii) a first side and a second side positioned on opposite sides of the first transverse axis;
    - (iv) a centering structure disposed at the longitudinal axis for use in centering the center longitudinal axis of said nasal support device between the first and second nasal passages;
    - (v) said surface layer having a major longitudinal dimension at the centering structure and reduced longitudinal dimensions positioned on opposite sides of the centering structure; and
- (c) one or more support structures having lengths that extend along the traverse dimension of said surface layer.

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- (Amended) A nasal support device for supporting tissues overlying a first and second nasal passage, the support device comprising:
- (a) an adhesive layer for securing the support device to the tissues;

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- (b) a surface layer, the surface layer configured to include:
    - (i) a center longitudinal dimension having a center longitudinal axis therethrough;
    - (ii) a first transverse dimension having a first transverse axis that is orthogonal to said center longitudinal axis and bisects said center longitudinal axis;
    - (iii) a first side and a second side positioned on opposite sides of the first transverse axis;
    - (iv) a means for centering the center longitudinal axis of said nasal support device between the first and second nasal passages; and
  - (c) one or more support structures having lengths that extend along the traverse dimension of said surface layer.

- sub H2* 37. (Amended) A nasal support device for supporting tissues overlying a first and second nasal passage, the support device comprising:
- (a) an adhesive layer for securing the support device to the tissues;
  - (b) a surface layer, the surface layer configured to include:
    - (i) a center longitudinal dimension having a center longitudinal axis therethrough;
    - (ii) a first transverse dimension having a first transverse axis that is orthogonal to said center longitudinal axis and bisects said center longitudinal axis;
    - (iii) a first side and a second side positioned on opposite sides of the first transverse axis;
    - (iv) an apex disposed at the longitudinal axis; and
  - (c) one or more support structures having lengths that extend along the traverse dimension of said surface layer.
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